

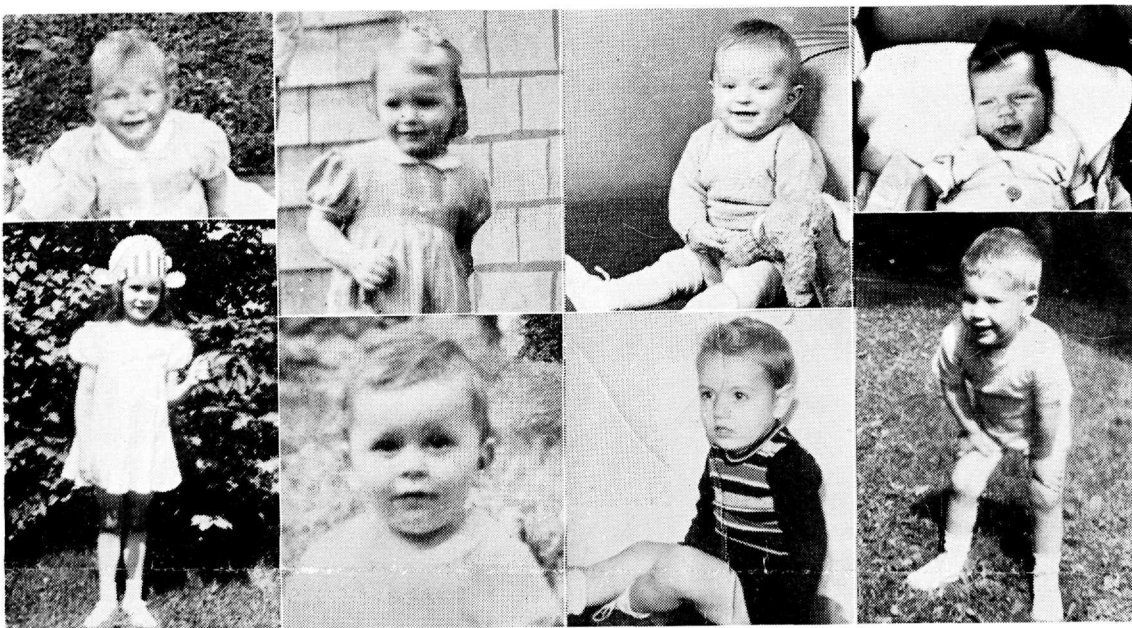
SPRAGUE SPECIALTIES VICTORY LOG

★ WE PLEDGE TO THE ARMED SERVICES ★ OUR MAXIMUM WARTIME PRODUCTION ★

"OF THE EMPLOYEES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ BY THE EMPLOYEES ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ FOR THE EMPLOYEES"

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SPRAGUE WAR FUND COMMITTEE SETS DRIVE DATES OCTOBER 1 - 8



This Group of Bright-Eyed Young Americans are:-Top Row, Left to Right: Cheryl Perry, daughter of Carl, Maintenance, and Clara, formerly of Boxing; Nancy Carol, Daughter of Eleanor Tourjee of Paper Assembly, and Harold Tourjee of Check Inspection; Lance Mitchell Davis, son of John and Martha Davis, John is in Vitamin "Q"; Baby Harold Jones, whose mother, Evelyn Jones, is in Western Electric. Bottom Row, Left to Right: The young lady in school-play costume dress is June Rancourt, daughter of Isobell Rancourt, formerly of Mica; Next is Baby Victor DeFazio, the son of Lucy DeFazio of Networks; Craig A. O'Neill is the son of Kitty O'Neill of Filters; Husky 2-year old Gordon is the son of Peg Todd of Dry Rolling.

Last Minute News Flash!

Sprague Log To Go On The Air Oct. 12 Weekly Half Hour Program All Set To Go

To Be Known As The "Sprague Radio Log"
"Five Star" Feature Part Of Every Show

STATE GUARD NEEDS 3000 MORE MEN Many Sprague Workers Already Members of Guard

Governor Saltonstall, Commander-in-Chief of the State Guard, is heading a campaign for enlistments in this very important branch of service. The nation and state must be ready at all times to handle emergencies of any kind which may arise. It is to the State Guard that Massachusetts looks for this protection. You are urged to join up.

In the Sprague plants we find members of the Adams, Williamstown, Florida and Clarksburg Companies as well as Co. K of North Adams. Among the Sprague workers who are members of these State Guard Companies are:

Adams, Co. M:—Cpl. John Kenney, Pfc. Harold Ellsworth, Pfc. Arthur

Molleur, and Pvt. Samuel Miller. Williamstown, 74th Co.—Pvt. James Dickie.

Florida Co.:—Capt. Adrien Poirot, Cpl. Howard Rennell, and Pvt. Louis Poirot.

Clarksburg, 89th Co.:—1st Sgt. Leonard Lewitt, Corp. Walter Westcott, Pvts. Paul Belanger, John Lapine, Ralph Norcross, Arlton Peck, George Sunn, Kenneth Supernault, Armond Vincelette, Nello Zanett, and Roland Kenyon.

The Company K, North Adams, list will be published in the next Log on Oct. 9. Meanwhile join the State Guard if you are looking for a practical way to be of service.

*Station WBRK to Carry Program for 3 Months

News of the final arrangements for this unusual innovation on the part of the Log comes to us just as we go to press. The Sprague Radio Log Program is scheduled at a different hour on alternate weeks so as to accommodate the workers and their families, and the thousands of other listeners in this territory which this live and worthwhile program will attract.

Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 5:15 P.M.

Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 11:30 A.M.

The schedule will alternate afternoon and morning as above, week after week. The Log Editor, E. S. Whitten, who has had an experience over many years, writing, producing and directing radio programs, will have the same supervision of the "Sprague Radio Log".

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SUCCESS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY CHEST DEPENDS GREATLY ON WORKERS

Due to Increased Numbers Employed
Quota Assigned Is Largest Ever

October 1 through October 8 are the dates selected for the North Adams War Fund drive to be conducted at Sprague, it has been announced by the committee in charge. The committee which was designated by War Fund officials is comprised of John D. Washburn, Marvin Williams, James F. X. Shea, and Thomas E. Dufraine.

Departmental sub-committees are in the process of selection. No announcement has been made as yet of the quota assigned the Sprague organization but it is known that, with the greater numbers now employed, the amount asked will be by far the largest ever asked in a Community Chest drive.

Most of the increase which is asked is for the so-called war agencies—including the USO and the various relief agencies. As in the past, the two largest local beneficiaries will be the North Adams Hospital and the North Adams Y.M.C.A.

An energetic campaign has been underway in the community for the past month to acquaint all residents with the urgency of the appeal to be made. Quotas have been set for each industrial plant and the community will be kept informed as to the percentage of its quota which each plant attains.

Because of the fact the Sprague Specialties now employs such a large percentage of the industrial population of North Adams—almost 50% in fact—the success or failure of the drive will rest very largely with the efforts of the Sprague organization.

Upon the success of the campaign is dependent the continued support in North Adams of the USO and the war relief agencies, the North Adams Hospital, the Y.M.C.A., the Salvation Army, the Child Welfare Association, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Visiting Nurses, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

CO-WORKERS HONOR HELEN BRADSHAW



Miss Helen Bradshaw, who soon is to enter Mary Washington College, in Virginia, was the guest of honor at a party given by her co-workers in Block Test. The party was held at Florini's on September 3. A delicious dinner was served after which dancing and games were enjoyed. The Department presented Helen with a sterling silver cigarette case and a purse of money.

Those present were: Seated left to right—Pauline Bassett of W. E.,

Imogene McNulty, Pauline Jandran, Josephine De Paoli, Anna Lamoureux, Ruth Arrighini, Anna Desnoyers, Emily Kozeka, Helen Denno of Brown Street and Irene Sweeney of Paper Rolling. Standing, left to right—Mary Roberts, Lorraine Pinsonneault, Roma Sweeney, June Roy of Brown Street, Helen Harrington, Jane Windrow, Helen Bradshaw, Theresa Briggs, Arlene Chalifoux, Barbara Bailey, Sybil Devno and Helen Lesure.

"Of the Employees,- by the Employees,- for the Employees."



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"Every Sprague Worker an Assistant Reporter."

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GET SET FOR THE REAL "ALL-OUT!" Cold Logic Demands That We Do

There seems to be an impression in some quarters that the collapse of Italy means the time for relaxation is at hand. An appraisal of many opinions is just the contrary. Instead of the government relaxing its pressure, the next few months are going to see things stepped up on the home-front.—Way UP! This means all along the line,—gas, food, taxes, manpower, war production quotas, and scores of other problems in our daily way of life.

New High Speed of the War Puts New Pressure on Home Front

Now comes the real ALL-OUT. And the reason why we must expect this is the new SPEED of the war. High pressure on so many fronts means higher pressure than ever on the Home Front. We are not saying this just to boost morale. On every hand the signals are set. Weighing the statements of the heads of Government Bureaus, reading the daily press and the periodicals, listening to the radio, studying the war news, brings us to this one conclusion. The More-Speed, All-Out, Non-Stop Hard-Fighting months are right ahead. *Let's give 'em all we've got!*

WAR FUND -- COMMUNITY CHEST TYPICAL OF AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AND LIBERTY

The approaching campaign, October 1-8, deserves the sympathetic and extra-generous support of every single member of the Sprague Organization. The Community Chest is a most significant feature of the American Way. It is the word "Cooperation" translated into social action. It is the operation of the Golden Rule under modern conditions. What we would all like to do personally,—to minister to the sick, the invalided, the unfortunate,—to provide places of recreation for children and youth,—to help others in emergency,—to care for the aged and infirm,—in a word, to do those things which our hearts and minds and our religion all teach us is right. . . . all these things we, today, in the busy rush of war or peace have neither time nor in most cases the dollars to give.

GIVE 'TILL IT HELPS

So it is that the American Cooperative Spirit comes to the rescue and provides a way in which we can do the next best thing. We can "gang up" our dollars and put them to work through the many social agencies. And there is no need to repeat that *this time the need is greater than ever.*

If we could say more we would; but this is a case for deeds, not words. For the Committee, for the Community, for your neighbors and friends,—yes, even for yourself,—if it should come your turn, which God forbid,—give and give again. **GIVE 'TILL IT HELPS!**

First Rehearsal Of "Annual Show" To Be Held October 5

The committee for the annual Sprague Christmas and Benefit Show met September 23. The committees headed by Fred Windover, M. Gorman, Larry Madison and Larry Haskins, met with Miss Owen, General Chairman, to decide important events for the coming Benefit and Minstrel Show. Mr. Haskins, Chairman for the play, has let it be known that this show will be the old fashioned "mell-drammer" type, with a frail damsel in distress and a villain with the longest handle-bar mustache that can be obtained. The Committees have sent out an S.O.S. for 42 employees to represent the chorus, 6 endmen, 5 soloists and 10 stage hands. Those 10 stage hands are most important, since the play demands as much backstage acting as front-stage.

First rehearsal is scheduled for October 4, at 7:30 in the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel.

Comparison With World War I Expenditures

Need For Bond Purchases In Greater Amount Explained

World War I lasted 584 days for America. In that time 4,300,000 were mobilized. United States spent \$22,700,000,000. 50,510 men were killed or died of wounds. An Army airforce of over 50,000 men was developed. Now let's look at World War II which completed 584 days on July 12th. In the 584 days so far in World War II, we have mobilized 9,300,000 men. The war has cost us 92 billion dollars. 30,000 men have been killed or died of wounds. World War II certainly makes World War I look like a side-show. And, the end is not yet. We are spending at the rate of about \$7,500,000,000 a month to keep our end of the war going. This proves the need for greater and greater purchase of war bonds. It explains why taxes are high and why they will get higher.

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The American fighting man gets more and tastier food than any other soldier. He averages about 5½ pounds a day compared to 3½ pounds each for British, German, and Jap. Each month's needs are planned from a master menu prepared at the Quartermasters General Office in Washington. This menu suggests varied types of meals and provides recipes for new dishes. It is varied at individual messes according to local conditions.



ANSWERS TO GUESS WHO Problem for this week

Yes, it's a boy pecking through the door,—none other than Norman Devio of Owens. The bouncing baby is Venice Folino of Resistors. You will have to Guess Again on which of the two youngsters is Eleanor Quirk of Paper Rolling.



Be sure to report any change of address if you want to be sure of getting your 'Log'!



PLEASE PARK CLOSE!

Will everyone please park their cars as close to others as possible, as parking space is now more limited than ever, at Beaver and Brown Streets. By close parking there will be plenty of room for all.

—Art Mathews

SUGGESTION AWARDS



Mrs. Nettie Angeli of Sample Room received her award for suggesting a method of preventing the foil sticking to the mandrel.



Harry Haddad, Mica Dept., was awarded his prize for suggesting an ingenious method to save foil.

Servicemen's Addresses

1—As far as we are able, we shall be glad to supply you with the addresses of our men in service, so that you can send Christmas mail or gifts.

Keep Us Informed

2—In order to keep our records up-to-date, won't you please keep the Dispensary supplied with the latest addresses of any Sprague worker now in the armed forces, whenever you get them.

Christmas Mail Dates

3—Reminder: Christmas presents for the boys overseas should be mailed this month. For the Army, you have until October 15, for the Navy and Marine Corps, until November 1.

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U. S. Naval Training Station
Sampson, New York

Dear Sprague Folks:—

Just a line to let you know I'm at Sampson. It sure is wonderful country up here even if it is cold and windy. Please remember me to the fellows in Leon Richard's room and the girls working for Al Bergeron.

They can say anything they want about any other branch of the service, the Navy is the best.

My mother forwarded the last copy of the Log. It sure was swell to hear about the gang at Sprague's.

Hoping to see them all soon, I am,
Edward M. Colbert, Jr., A.S.
Co. 357—U.S.N.T.S.,
Sampson, N. Y.

Buying War Bonds Is Good Business From Every Angle

There are plenty of practical, hard-headed reasons (if you need them) for buying Bonds and more Bonds. If the government can't get the money to wage a winning war through this method it will have to do it through artificial credits. This will raise prices terribly when the war is over. It will cost us much more in years to come than the cost of the bonds now. By lending the money now, we keep prices down, we get our money back anyway, and get it back at a time when we can spend it for things we will want and can get — when the war is finally over and peacetime products are again on the market. To buy war bonds today and every day, serves a two-fold purpose — selfish and unselfish. War bonds are a swell buy any way you dope it out.

BACK'EM UP WITH WAR BONDS!

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Our Flag

I like to see Old Glory
Waving high up in the air,
It has such lovely colors,
So dainty and so fair.

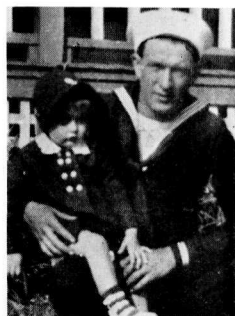
Do you remember the lady
Who made our flag so true,
And our lovely colors
Red, White and Blue?

You will see it over in England
You will see it in Peru
You will see it in Germany
For we're going to win there, too.

We are going to have it flying
In the air and on the sea
No matter where we'll travel
There our lovely flag will be.

In Japan our flag will wave;
What a blessing that will be
'Twill be waving there forever
Just wait and you will see.

Gladys Oakley, Gas Mask

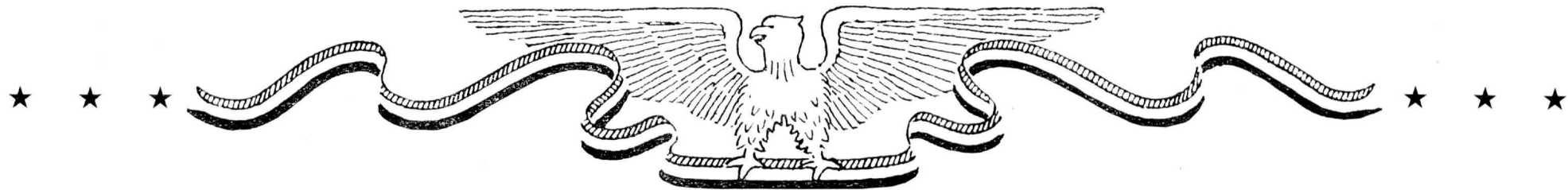


Kenneth Hill with his daughter Beverly Ann. Ken was in the Boxing Dept. Beverly's mother, Beatrice, works in the Impregnating Dept.



To Back the Attack --
BUY WAR BONDS!!

★ NEWS and VIEWS from Sprague Workers In Service ★



United States Coast Guard

Friday, Sept. 17, 1943

Dear Jack:

I am addressing this letter to you and hoping that you are in the best of health. I wish to thank whoever is responsible for sending me the Sprague Log. For the past few months I have been receiving it very steady and I hope you will keep on sending it. It helps you to keep tabs on a lot of your friends who are in the service and also on the department that I worked in. I was very happy to be part of the Resistor and Boxing Dept. as I know how much they are doing towards this war.

About 5 months ago I walked through the Resistor Dept. at Brown St. and believe me I was surprised to see how much it had expanded and the new machinery in the place. I have also heard that it has expanded much more and is now in full swing. With the people in back of us 100% I'm sure that in no time at all we will be back home for good. Although there is a lot of hard work ahead and it will take all of us to finish this job.

I also was home for 24 hours about a month ago and took in a ball game where Sprague's were defeated 9 to 2 by McKinley's in the play-off. I see Hank Gamari is still doing a good job of getting ball teams together and I hope that someday we may all play a game together.

I am standing by to be shipped out. Where I don't know, but I would appreciate it very much if you would still send the Log to me here at the same address as it will be forwarded to wherever I may go.

I would appreciate it very much if you would say hello to my gang from the Resistor and Boxing Dept. So here's saying so long, good-luck and God bless you all.

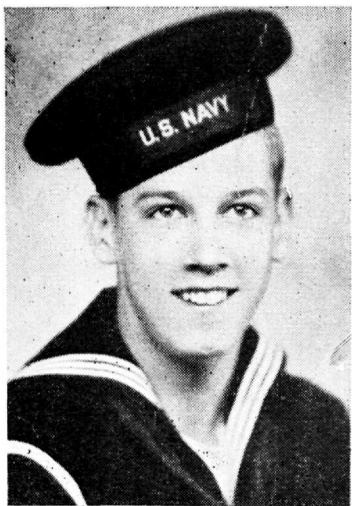
Yours truly,

Kazz Savecki, S1-c
Patrol Barracks,
Brant Beach, N. J.

P.S.—My kid brother Stan is at Camp Campbell, Ky., and he also sends his best wishes.

Sgt. Paul J. Bergeron, formerly of Ovens Dept., writes from England that he receives the Log regularly, and wants to be remembered to all his old pals back at Sprague's.

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Seaman 2nd Class, Harold Williams, formerly of the Impregnating Dept.



Left to right: Albert J. Bonneau, Raoul J. Bonneau and Arthur A. Bonneau. Below: Dad, mother and grandmother of the three boys in service.—Mr. and Mrs. Ovila Bonneau and Mrs. Bonneau's mother, Mrs. Mongeon.

Al Blondin, 2nd class seaman, who is in training at Sampson, N. Y., was visiting his co-workers in Block Annex September 12th. He states he is eligible for further training leading to the rank of petty officer.

Pvt. 1st class Russell Lussier, formerly in Gas Mask Dept., in the April draft quota, has been graduated from the training detachment of the army air forces technical training command at Colorado State College.

Naval Aviation Cadet Peter Tietgens is receiving his basic training at Williams College.



Pvt. Harry Coates, Camp Wheeler, Ga., was formerly employed in the Beaver St. Sample Lab.

A postcard addressed to Sprague Specialties Co., Brown Street Plant reads:

Sept. 11, 1943.

Hello:

I want to really thank you for the Log you people have been sending me. I look forward to seeing some of the folks I used to work for and with. It sure makes me feel good to know I am remembered. Thanks again,

Bernard Lepera
Formerly worked in Impregnating.

Miss Arlene Greene, of Gas Mask Dept., who recently enlisted in the WAC., was called into active duty September 21. She will be stationed at the training center at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.



Remo Balardini (not employed here) is stationed at a Coast Guard Patrol base. His mother is Gertrude of Paper Assembly.

Mabel Benoit, of the "Boxing Line" has received word that her husband Clifford, is now with the armed forces in England.

Cpl. Donald Bourdon of the George Field Air Corps, Illinois, is spending a 10 day furlough at his home on Hall St. Cpl. Bourdon was formerly employed with the Ovens.

Mr. Leo Tatrow (guard, Beaver) has just received a letter from his 20-year-old son, Norman a first class private with the Marines. Norman writes: "So you know I have been through a bombing. Well, don't worry. Those Japs can't hit anything! I'll have you know I was thinking of home while we were 'entertained' by our Nipponese neighbors. I thought of many things, but most of all, about home!"

Word has been received by Rita Kiel (Gas Mask) that her brother William has just arrived overseas. William worked in K.V.A.

Seaman Olympio De Paoli has qualified for rating of aviation machinist and is attending a naval air technical training school in Chicago, Ill.

Naval Aviation Cadet Robert Tisdale finished an eleven weeks' course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight school at Chapel Hill, N. C. He has been promoted to primary flight training at Naval Air Station at Peru, Ind.

A recent visitor at the Plant, was Vincent Matranga, now stationed at Philadelphia.

Corporal John Fortini who was recently transferred to Camp Bowie, Texas, visited the Plant on September 21st. Corporal John was formerly in Dry Test.



Pvt. Paul Giamborino, formerly of Gas Mask, trained for the Military Police and has now arrived in England.

Wilfred Gelinas, who has trained with the Army for 8 months, stationed at Camp Forest, Tennessee, is now employed in the Dry Rolling.

Arthur Molleur, of the Dry Rolling, is acting Corporal with Company "M" of Adams. He's the best "Bullseye" shooter they have.

Ray Paquette, who left the Cost Department last fall to become Pvt. Ray Paquette, came back to see us last week as Sgt. Ray! With him was his cousin, Corporal Donald Bourdon, formerly of the Ovens Department. They are stationed in Illinois.

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If you say, "It's for the Navy,"
That's good enough for me.
They're fighting for the freedom
Of the seas and Victory.
They haven't had a day away
From work since '41.
So I won't be an absentee
Until my job is done.
My kid is in the Army.
That kid's my hope and prayer.
When he had to go to join the show
The Navy got him there.
So just between the three of us—
The kid, the Navy, and me—
We're the perfect combination
To beat the enemy.

—A War Worker.

"HOTENKISS '43"

SPORTS

By Walt Carpenter

Old Timers vs. Twilight League All Stars

The second game between the Old Timers and the All Stars played Sunday, September 19 at Noel's Field, resulted in a victory for the All Stars. This was a benefit game with the proceeds going to Jimmy Preite who was injured in the play-off between the Sons of Italy team and McKinley Square team. The total amount collected from ticket sales and contributions, including former friends of Jimmy's who are now in the service and could not attend the game, shows the esteem which the boys all feel for Jimmy. It also shows the fine sportsmanship of the fellows in the service who gave to this worthy cause. Good luck and a speedy recovery for Jimmy is wished by everyone.

The score of the game was 5 to 1 and though it does not appear closely contested, was well played, and is a feature which should be held annually in any community. Congratulations should be in order to Mike Gorman and all the Old Timers, the All Stars, and the members of the league who made the game possible, and to John DelNegro, coach, for the hard work and spirit displayed in making the game possible.

According to the financial statement, a total of \$138.75 was collected. The ticket committee, headed by John Puppolo should also be extended thanks.

This is the last game of the year, so now we will turn our sport trend to football and bowling.

Many of the spectators missed the grand old man of baseball, Cabe Prindle, of Williamstown who did not play in the second contest but was at top form in the first one.

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Did You See The Big Pictures In The Log For September 11?

Mr. Harry Kalker, President of Sprague Products Company, which handles the sale of many of our products through wholesalers and to the retail trade, calls our attention to a most interesting fact. In the top picture on page one of that issue, near the top center of the picture, you can see a Sprague Tel-Ohmike Condenser and Resistor Checker. You might take another look at those pictures, for they are printed, as described, to show you actual equipment in use, and on which Sprague parts are used,—thus to bring home to each of us that the work we are doing each day actually gets up to the front where it is helping every minute to win the war.

Railroads Doing Grand Job Under Tremendous Traffic Increase

Despite recent wrecks your chances of not having a fatal accident on a 100 mile railroad trip are four million to one. In the first eight months of this year 128 passengers were killed in railroad accidents, 109 of them in the past two weeks. But the railroads operated some 52 billion passenger miles on the equivalent of carrying one traveler 52 billion miles. That means one death for every 400 million passenger miles. In the first eight months of this year domestic airlines reported 41 deaths while carrying some 965 million passenger miles, or one death for each 23 million passenger miles.

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MOST ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO FOLKS WHO NEVER HAD ONE BEFORE



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"PLAY SAFE" TODAY MEANS "WORK WITH CARE"

With the urge greater than ever for the utmost production effort on the part of every individual, no matter what his job may be, it becomes more and more important that each one of us take every precaution to avoid accidents, large or small. Also, be sure to report immediately any scratches, light burns or other minor mishaps. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Work with care.



Photo by U. S. Signal Corps

This photograph appeared in the last issue of the 'Log'. Read the news item to the left and you will see why we bring it to your attention again. In the above picture Sgt. John F. Saunders, Atlanta, Ga., is testing radio in a mobile repair truck of a Signal Repair Company; his unit is stationed somewhere in New Guinea.

Last Minute News Flash

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The program will be broadcast from the Blue Room of the Richmond Hotel. Admission will be by invitation and for merit awards of various kinds. Sprague workers, citizens of North Adams, and other guest participants in the "Five Star" feature of the program will become members of the "Five Star" Club with special membership card.

"SPRAGUE RADIO LOG"

Built Around Sprague Workers, Their Families, Other North Adams Citizens

So folks, the Log welcomes you and urges you to listen in on Oct. 12 at 5:15. Just a warning, too, friends, the Log is not out to show Jack Benny, Bob Hope and the rest how to do their stuff, or how to put on a Nation-wide Program. The Log just believes, that being the employees' paper of a concern so close to radio, we can all have a little fun and entertainment; let the people of the Northern Berkshires know a little more about who we all are and what we make and do; get out some of the Log news a little quicker and snappier; and, who knows,—develop some headline stars that will make our Fan Mail Department the envy of Charlie and Edgar.

PROGRAM TO BE CONDUCTED IN PROFESSIONAL MANNER

The talent and speakers on the "Sprague Radio Log" will be almost entirely home folks so we shall be especially anxious to welcome Sprague boys in service who may be home on furlough. It is planned to keep the tone of the program on a high, but entertaining plane. As in all good radio studios smoking will be strictly taboo; silence, except for natural applause, laughter (and groans), will be observed. We shall have a two-way telephone connection with the Pittsfield Control Room of WBRK in order to insure good volume control and otherwise make the program as nearly perfect as possible.

NOTE THE DATE: OCT. 12

So put it down in your little memo book. Don't miss the "Sprague Radio Log". Naturally we shall not be able to use right away all the star talent that is present in so large an organization as this. But if you are interested,

the best way will be to listen in. Then, when you have an idea of the program and the type of features it will be looking for,—send your name and department and description of the form of entertainment (instrumental, vocal, comedy, serious, monologue, dialogue and so forth) to The Production Dept. of the Sprague Radio Log. As in Hollywood, many may be called but few chosen. Many of those who will take part in the programs will be selected on a competitive basis, or as a reward for various accomplishments as Sprague workers, or as loyal and helpful members of their community. As it will be necessary to plan and develop the large part of each program some time in advance it will not be possible to introduce additional material at the last minute, except of an emergency news nature or of pressing community interest. If there is something which you believe would be good, or should be on the program, send it in writing to The Production Department of the Sprague Radio Log.

NOW SIGNING OFF

Because new brooms sweep clean, and because it is always poor policy to shoot all your ammunition in the first volley, don't be surprised if the first program is not a three ring circus. In fact it will probably be just the opposite. Rather than try to spread our wings and reach the sun in the first 30 minutes, the Log will introduce itself to the public, and...but, now, after all, why should we let our radio listeners or readers in now on the good things in store for them every Tuesday this fall and winter!! Our motto, folks, is "Tune in Tuesday!"

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Here on the HOME FRONT our ENEMIES are ACCIDENTS and WASTE



AUGUST SPRAGUE SLOGAN WINNERS LISTED

Each month we publish the names of the writers of the best slogans for the preceding month up to a total of 25. When the contest finishes on December 31 it is planned to publish all the best slogans submitted by these writers, without their names attached, and conduct a ballot vote open to all Sprague Workers for the Grand Prize and the five worthy of honorable mention.

August writers who submitted slogans selected by the judges as being in the top bracket are: Margaret Blanchard, Betty Bourdon, Joey Crescimbeni, Elsie Breen, Mrs. Beatrice Faustine, Mario Magnani, Leonore Tarnuzzer.



BUY AS MANY WAR BONDS AS YOU CAN

Spending habits undergo great change in a period of war boom prosperity. Big pay checks encourage free-hand spending. Thus, the man who today is taking home twice as much money at the end of the week, may find himself shorter before his next pay check is delivered than he used to be when he had to watch every penny to make ends meet. Many of the complaints about the high cost of living are really the outgrowth of freer spending habits which have been developing.

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What Your Fighting Man Needs This Christmas

Letters that begin "Remember when"...smudged, but loving notes from children...snapshots of friends, family and familiar scenes — any memento that will make him feel you're sharing your Christmas with him.

Write and Mail Your Christmas Letters Early

HELP CUT JOB ABSENCES

"Victory depends on everyone, everyday! Time lost from your work puts a brake on America's drive to Victory.

No matter what your job, stay on it every minute you can. Under war conditions, this is often tough — but war is never easy.

Help your community gear itself for war. If you're a store official, banker, or professional man, consider staying open some evenings so workers won't have to take time off.

Remember, teamwork will lick absenteeism. Make time work for us — not our enemies.





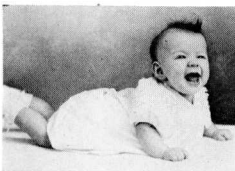
Mr. and Mrs. Kassim Farris Ameen announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Pfc. Isa Abed Ali of Boston. Miss Ameen works at Networks, Brown St. Pfc. Ali is stationed at New Orleans. No date for the wedding has been set.

Miss Helen Maynard, of Mica Dept. has announced her engagement to Arthur Racette, Seaman, 2nd class. Seaman Racette formerly worked in Mica.

ANNIVERSARIES

Employees in the Filter Dept. were glad to extend their good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Coody who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary recently. Mrs. Coody is Katherine to her co-workers.

Clarice and Sgt. Leslie Dustin celebrated their first wedding anniversary this month. Clarice works in the Resistor Dept.



Carol Ann Bellew is the 8 months old daughter of Dorothy of Mica Dept.

A MODERN DEMOSTHENES

Mr. Harold "Kit" Carson, who recently completed a course in Elocution (Public Speaking) at Sprague's, is steadily rising in the ranks of "Famous Speakers". On September 16, he left for Boston to deliver an address at Horticultural Hall. His subject was *Morning Glories*.



Elaine and Billy Harris, children of Wilfred of Wire Coating, and of Florence of Resistors.

WHO WAS IT?

Who stole the lock on the henhouse door,
Who stole my dinner, the day before.
(Who?)
Who was it that labored a few hours last night,
Sawing wood, for their furnace to light.
Who was it that was so mean,
To clean out the scrap pile nice and clean,
If he ever gets caught he will never be,
Found working for the Sprague Company.

Answer in next month's Log

Leda King

"DON"

Donald is a good scout,
Always helping the girls out.
Working hard from morning 'till night
Doing his best to help the fight.
When work is done —
Fellows love to roam,
But you will always find "Don" on
his way home.

Marie Brouillette,
Gas Mask



Conchita Angeli, daughter of Nettie of the Sample Dept.



It's a boy for the Jimmy Clearly! "Daddy" is Jim of the Cost Department and "Momma" is the former Mildred Foote formerly of Brown Street.

Eva Di Lego of the Beaver Street Office has just been visited by the stork for the fifth time. This time, it is a boy.



June and Bernard Barnhart, whose mother, June, works in Paper Rolling. Their father was a former Sprague guard.

"THE BETTER WAY"

By Joe Macksey

- P — erseverance
- R — ejects none
- O — utput high
- D — ay's work done
- U — nder good supervision
- C — ooperation too
- T — aught smartly
- I — nstructions helpful
- O — rder completed
- N — ew one begun

—Turned in to the Editor by

S. Richardson

"Frecks" Millis is Honored

When the workers for Frecks found out he had a birthday, did they celebrate in a big way! They gave him a big spaghetti dinner, at the plant, decorated the place with colorful gaudiolus, and presented him with a gift. Frecks is assembly supervisor on the Assembly Line, in Mica Dept.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Miss Rita Siciliano has returned to work after spending her vacation in Boston.

Casmer Ziemiak, Gas Mask, and his wife Phylis, spent their vacation in Baltimore and New York City. Sounds like a second honeymoon, Cassie!

Maud Sullivan of Gas Mask spent a vacation in New York City. If we know Maud, she had a grand time.

Joe Macksey answers Sid (see last Log issue).

And this for Gene Belanger: Ever so often, we see Genestrutting around in his uniform, then suddenly he appears in a checkered shirt and blue overalls. Won't someone please take up a collection to buy a checkered shirt and overalls so that Gene can call them his own.

"Something new has been added" to the Sprague Specialties Company, at the Marshall Street Plant. To be specific, a training center has been opened. Here, girls who are hired by the Sprague Specialties Company are given a short period of training, to develop those skills for which they are best adapted. After this training, the girls are ready to go to work in any of the three Plants. Surroundings are pleasant, and quiet, and the two instructors, Miss Rita Siciliano and Mrs. Mary Daniels are both proficient, and popular with the girls. Mr. Oliver T. Baker is in charge of the Training Center. Mr. Baker states that he is equipped to train a large group of girls each month for Paper Rolling machines, Soldering and Pre-Assembly machines.

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Angelina Sabestino of Mica Dept. is spending a week's vacation in Springfield.

Miss Minnie Geddes is spending her vacation in Providence, R. I.

Rose Pasotti of the Filter Dept. spent the week of August 7 to 23, at Hampton Beach, N. H. What a tan she has displayed on her return.

Joe Moresi of Silver Mica spent his vacation in New York.

Miss Kay Heath, Payroll, Brown Street, is spending her vacation at Worcester. She is riding horseback daily, and is happy to be able to indulge this hobby of hers.

Embarrassing Moments—The worst moment for a certain dark-eyed lassie in Payroll at Brown Street, was the moment she received a letter back from the Corporal A. in Hawaii, which was meant for Private B. stationed in Massachusetts. And the letter to Corporal A. is resting in the pocket of Private B. He is so mad, he won't return it.

OUR BOYS

From the time of their birth
They gave us happiness and joys;
For they were ours to hold,
Our very own little boys.

Days and months went by,
And as they learned to play,
No matter how hard our work,
Our hearts were happy and gay.

Those days are over now —
Full-grown, they're handling guns,
Running tanks, flying planes
To kill other mothers' sons.

Only a mother can know
The agony of heart,
Caused by this terrible war,
Of which their sons are part.

Speaking for all mothers,
I make this one request:
Pray,—and ease each mother's heart
During this trying test.

Help them win this war,—
Yes, you in shop or home;
Whether they be in Africa,
New Guinea or near Rome.

Keep buying your share of freedom,
Help those of whom we're fond;
Help bring them back again to us,—
Keep buying, Bond on Bond!

—Mothers of America.

Written by Arthur Bonneville,
Beaver St. Maintenance Dept.



On September 10, Susan Koch of Wire Coating, and Staff Sgt. Henry Galipeau were married at the Church of the Incarnation in Blackinton. The couple left for a trip to Boston.

Lt. John R. Shields, Jr. formerly of the Resistor Dept., announced his marriage to Miss Madelena Davies (not employed here). The couple were married at Camp Crofts, S. C., on September 11th.

Mr. John Whitney of Sample Lab. and Miss Jennie Malkowski (not employed here) were married at the Congregational Church in North Adams on September 11. They are spending their honeymoon in New York.

Joseph DeGrenier, of Dry Rolling attended the wedding of his son, Paul Joseph to Harriet Neuman of Williamstown on Sept. 16. Paul is a seaman first class in the Navy. Before his enlistment, he was employed in the Boxing Dept.

Miss Rita E. Peat of Mica Dept. and Paul A. Clairmont were married Tuesday, Sept. 7 at St. Francis Church.

Miss Isabel Gaun and Mr. George Daub were united in marriage at St. John's Episcopal Church, Saturday afternoon, September 11. Following a reception at the bride's home, the couple left for a trip to Albany. The bride worked in the Boxing Dept. at Beaver Street, her husband is employed in Industrial Oil, Brown Street.

Miss Frances Di Tursi, Resistor Dept. and Thomas Partenope (not employed here) were married on Sept. 18 at St. Anthony's Church. The good wishes of the entire Department are extended to this couple.

Miss Barbara Irene Hurlbut (Industrial Oils Dept.) and Mr. Richard David Hall were married Tuesday afternoon at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church.

Pauline Steele, wire Coating Dept., was married to Chief Petty Officer Buel Gibson Van Vleck on Sept. 19th at the Baptist Church in North Adams.



Thomas Dufraine, Lab., has been appointed district air raid warden for District 14.

Josephine Pisano, of the Boxing Line spent a few days in N. Y. C. She attended many good shows and heard Benny Goodman at the Paramount.

There is nothing like being versatile. Take T. Bill Lewis, for instance. He believes in it in a big way — and lives up to it. He is a guard by night at Sprague's, and a truant officer by day!

Theresa Louison, Sample Lab., Beaver Street, is spending her vacation in Washington, D. C.

Wanda Racza, of Sample Lab., has returned to work after spending a week-end in New York. She states it was some weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carpenter, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scarbo have returned from a trip to New York. Mrs. Alice Carpenter works in Block Annex, the "boys" are employed in Bath Tub Assembly.

Lillian Boyer, employed in the Boxing Dept. spent a recent week-end in New Haven, Conn. How do you expect to keep that weight down, Lil, eating so much of what they call apizza?

Miss Mildred Embry of Block Test and Harry Embry, Jr. of Bath Tub Assembly, have returned to their homes on Beaver Street after a visit with friends in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mildred Waterhouse and Ruth Abbott of the Payroll Department spent Labor Day week-end at Lake George.

Josephine Lamberti of the Payroll Department spent a few days last week in Albany, New York.

Irene Gage of the Boxing Dept. spent her vacation in Cohoes, N. Y.

Jeannette Roberts spent her vacation in New York City. Jeannette is employed in Boxing Dept.

Pauline LaPlante spent the week-end in New York City.

Mildred and Esmonde Manson recently attended the races at Narragansett.

Lillian Colo of Dry Test, and her husband visited New York recently. During their visit, they attended the races.

Irene Razcka, of the Dry Rolling, spent four days at N. Y. C. and Coney Island.

Emma Montagna, of the Boxing Line, is vacationing in Arizona, with a co-worker, Mrs. Mary Bellows.

Gertrude Manns of the Boxing spent her vacation in Norfolk, Va.

"Tessie" Czaja of the "Boxing Line" is visiting her husband Eddie, who is stationed at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, where he is training as a Flying Cadet.

MAINTENANCE MEMOS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Favreau were week-end visitors in Montreal, Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. LaPine (Wally) of the Maintenance spent their vacation at the Mohawk Park on the Deerfield River. (No Fish).

Mr. and Mrs. (Art) Giroux spent a week's vacation at Windsor Pond. Some fun when you can just eat, fish, and sleep, Art.

Edward "Chick" Belliveau also wandered down to New York the week-end of the 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Manns, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Robson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bardsly and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caron were recent vacationists.



VICTORY DEPENDS ON EVERYONE, EVERYDAY

EVERY
MINUTE
COUNTS

STAY ON YOUR JOB—don't lose time!

Half A Million Cigarettes From Sprague Workers To Boys Overseas

Through our weekly collections we have sent over a half million cigarettes to the boys. It is satisfying, isn't it, to know that our small contributions can amount to such a large total.

And although the collection for September 17 was \$9.00 less than the previous collection, we had a sufficient balance on hand to enable us to consign 4,000 packages to the armed forces. To refresh the memory of those contributing, we list the countries to which cigarettes have been shipped:

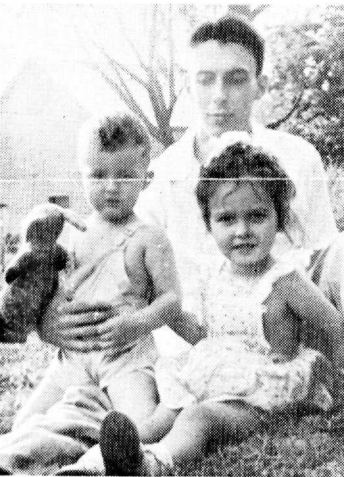
China, Sicily, Panama, Italy, Alaska, Midway Island, Palestine, Samoa, New Guinea, Iran, Greenland, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, New Hebrides Islands, New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, England, Marshall Islands and Kiska.

Also Iceland, Northern Ireland, Egypt, Gilbert Islands, North Africa, Munda and Eritrea.

Quite impressive, isn't it? One thousand packages each will go this week to New Zealand, New Caledonia, Alaska and to the Gilbert Islands.



John, son of Margaret Battersby of Filters and of William Battersby of Wire Coating.



John Michael Shields and Mary Lou Shields with Daddy Jack Shields. Jack is Foreman of Resistor Winding Dept. and Mrs. Mary Shields is in the Time Study Dept.

Log Continues To Meet With Favorable Comment

The popularity of the *Log* seems to be increasing. We thank you for all the favorable comments we are getting on our new form, dress and style. With the tremendous increase in our number of employees we are naturally getting more news of all kinds. Keep it coming. Photographs also. However, we are receiving so many photos of infants, babies and young children that our picture gallery is running over. So we have hit on a plan which we think will make everybody happy.

Beginning next issue we shall probably publish four or five baby pictures, —and so on each issue. Those which do not appear immediately will be placed in our photographic library until the collection has grown to sufficient size,—perhaps two or three months,—and then we will put out a picture supplement to the *Log* which will be made up principally of the youngsters and babies. We hope you will like this idea. So don't hesitate to send in your photos, and don't be alarmed if they don't appear right away.

PATRIOTISM COUNTS

I have three brothers in the Army
And one in the Marines,
My husband is in the Navy
If you know just what that means.
I have a small boy baby
And a lovely daughter, too.
With all this to fight for —
Who could help from being true?

Although we're tired of this war
We find our day complete;
When we know that we have shared
In helping out our fleet.
And when this war is over,
And "Our Boys" we know have won,
We will smile in honest pride,—
Knowing that our work's well done.

When we're tired, just remember —
"Our Boys" are tired too;
But they keep right on fighting
For the "Old Red, White and Blue."
So keep working on together
And we're bound to win this war;
We'll be free and happy people
When the "Boys" come home once more.

by Marie Brouillette
Gas Mask Dept.



Mrs. Gladys Pleshaw of the Resistor Dept. with her son, Douglas Vaun Pleshaw.

Sprague Girl Enters Nurses Training

Catherine Pulsifer, of Sample Lab. (Beaver Street) was chosen among 70 out of 1,000 applicants to be given training for the first Nurses' Cadet Corps Training School at Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y.

The training will cover a 30-month period and will assist the country in providing for adequate service in the public health and private nursing needs, which at present have been so depleted. The training Catherine receives will be accepted for credit toward a degree at Russell Sage. Catherine with four other N. A. girls left September 14, to start their new course. The good wishes of all her Department accompany her.

Sprague Employees Play Important Part In Bach Choral

Meticulous Training Evidenced, Larry Madison and Robert Shoemaker Take Solo Parts

One of the major musical events in North Adams was the presentation of Mozart's "Requiem Mass" by members of the Bach Chorus of North Adams and Williamstown, on Tuesday evening, September 14, at Drury High School.

The chorus sang to an appreciative audience which fully recognized the finish and quality of the rendition. Since many Sprague employees are represented in the Bach Choral, it can well be said that the same meticulous precision went into the efforts of the chorus as goes into the fabrication of Sprague Products.

Our own Larry Madison and Robert Shoemaker were the soloists for the male voices, while Margaret Hill and Natalie Gordon (not employed here) were the women soloists. Larry and Robert were splendid in form; Larry's rich voice with its careful placement showed to its best in the difficult music he sang, while Robert gave a sympathetic interpretation to his part, his voice blending beautifully with Miss Gordon's.

Director Robert Barrow of Williamstown through his patience and skill of direction, brought out the full beauty of the music, which his chorus admirably followed and interpreted. It had the finesse of any Metropolitan organization. North Adams can well be proud of this society, and Sprague workers are fully as proud of their fellow co-workers who gave this excellent and workmanlike performance. Among those Sprague employees who helped make this presentation so successful were: Mr. Lawrence Madison, President of the Bach chorus; Misses Claire Maxwell, Helen Root, sopranos; Misses Elinor Luby, Doris Sanford, Frances Di Tursi, altos; Mr. Lawrence Haskins, tenor; and Mr. Robert Shoemaker, bass.

Remember to Write Your Christmas Letters Early

To lessen the loneliness of our fighting boys is the duty of every one of us at home. Write a keepsake letter now,—one he will cherish all through the holidays,—a letter that will bring him a strong sense of the fact that you are thinking of him and praying for him,—a letter that will give him a strong faith in the future. Fill it with joy. As in all letters let your first thoughts be of him, but let him also through your words see the old Christmas sights, the creche, the tree; smell the fragrance of Christmas wreathes, so that for a few moments he can again be back with his loved ones in the old familiar scenes at home.

**SAFE WORKING HABITS
ARE THE BEST DEFENSE
AGAINST ACCIDENTS**



**BE SURE TO REPORT ANY
CHANGE OF ADDRESS IF
YOU WANT TO BE SURE OF
GETTING YOUR 'LOG'!**

Calling All LOG Reporters!

Deadline for next issue of the LOG is October 2. If you need more Reporter's News Pads see your Plant Reporter. You are doing a great job.

Keep Up the Good Work!



GUESS WHO - THIS WEEK

Answer will be found on page 2



"Ovens is my Dept.," says this GUESS WHO.



GUESS WHO—works in filters on the second shift.

Slogan Contest Keeps On Humming

Still Time for September Slogans

It's easy to make up Sprague Slogans. Just take your pen or pencil. Add about five minutes, a dash of wit, a dash of sentiment, two ounces of mid-night oil (if Mr. Ickes will let you), a little ginger and a lot of stuff, and top it all off with plenty of punch and heartfelt American patriotism...and there you have the recipe for a Winner. Try it. See the rules for the Contest on this page.

Leonore Tarnuzzer August Winner of "Most Original" Slogan

And by the way, the *Log* has added a prize to the Slogan Contest. A prize for the most original slogan each month. The *Log* picks this winner. The judges pick the other fifteen. August's "Most Original" Prize went to Leonore Tarnuzzer of Brown Street and her slogan has been posted specially in the Gate House there. So remember,—three cash prizes each month and the best fifteen slogans are made up in colors and posted in their respective plants.

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The guards greatly appreciate your cooperation in wearing your badge at all times when at the plant. Keep up the good work.



One of these kids now is a GUESS WHO in Paper Rolling.

TANKS YANKS

Two New Laffs?

Curious Lady: "Little boy, how is it that your mother's name is Jones and yours is Smith?"

Boy: "She got married again, and I didn't."

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"No," said the girl returning from a date with a Navy man, "I don't know what his rank is, but I think he was chief petting officer."

"Sprague's in the fight; let's turn 'em out right!"

SPRAGUE WAR PRODUCTION

★ SLOGAN CONTEST ★

CASH PRIZE each month for best slogan received in each plant. Contest continues until Dec. 31.

LOG to publish 25 best slogans received each month.

5 best received in each plant each month will be made into separate colorful signs with your name and posted.

RULES VERY SIMPLE

1. Each slogan must contain the word "Sprague".
2. Each slogan must not be over 10 words.
3. Each slogan must try to help our war production effort.
4. Each slogan must bear your name, plant, dept. and date.
5. Not more than five slogans each month per person.
6. All slogans must be mailed to 'The LOG Editor'.

All September Slogans due before October 1.

NOTE:—Everybody connected with the Sprague organization in any way is eligible. Judges' committees will be composed of well-known North Adams citizens, who will not know the names of contestants when judging slogans.

Lots of Fun! Help Boost War Production! Write it Tonite!